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ARTESIAN WATER IN NEW MEXICO FOUND BY ACCIDENT

Existence of Underground Flow Discovered by Citizen of Roswell, Who Followed a Happy Thought.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald)

Roswell, N. M., Sept. 12.—Artesian wells are no uncommon thing, having been known for hundreds of years in all parts of the world. India has them, and so has China, while they are to be found in Australia, the South American parts of Europe, the Argentine Republic, and in the Dominion of Canada. The United States, however, has what is, in many respects, the most remarkable artesian well in the world. Water that rises above the surface is found in Blanco, Custer, and several of the states, but nowhere as in New Mexico. As general thing it is necessary to go deep for the artesian flow, and even when encountered the water is not good. There are exceptions to others. The great well at Munich is 3,000 feet deep and the water is clear and pure, while the same thing is true of the municipal well at Louisville, Ky., as well as those of Denver. As a rule, however, the artesian well that is entirely potable is rather a phenomenon, and the one that does not require a deep piercing of the earth's crust is still more rare. It is these facts that make the New Mexican field off the more remarkable, or in fact places it necessary to go more than 250 feet to find water in vast volume and as pure as water can be. As far as the center of this field is in the Pecos valley, on the eastern border of the territory, and in the very heart of what was once the "Great American Desert," where water for irrigation is a very valuable thing, has held its own classified as a providential phenomenon, with many reasons for the term, for water is truly king in this arid field, where the surface deposits are more or less brackish and unfit for either growing vegetation or the use of man or his animal servants. As the annual rainfall is far below that necessary to sustain the more useful plants, it would almost seem that the limited wealth of water were placed there to assist the efforts of man in

extending the habitable area of the new world, and providing homes for a portion of the future millions. Besides its use of artesian the artesian flow of New Mexico is remarkable also for the constancy of the flow, which has never varied from its discovery down to the present day. It is perhaps true of no other field in the world. In California, for example, great wells have been struck that flowed heavily for a time, gradually growing less until at last they were reduced to the value of pumping.

The existence of the artesian stratum in New Mexico was discovered purely by accident, as so many wonderful things have been. A citizen of the little town of Roswell was inclined to bore a well a little deeper than anyone else had done, in the hope of obtaining better water. At a depth of 250 feet strong artesian flow was encountered, of the very finest quality, and the desert had no motors for the people. That was in 1886, and ever since then hundreds of wells have gone down in the Pecos valley, almost invariably striking the same strata at about the same depth. The water is of the same temperature, 45 degrees Fahrenheit, and of the same relative purity, analysis showing the presence of only 169 parts solids to the 100,000, a proportion equalled in but few parts of the United States, no matter from what source the samples are taken.

TAOS POSSESSES A LUTHER BURBANK

William L. McClure Has a Wonderful Flower Garden and Is Generous in Handing Out Bouquets.

(Special Telegram to Evening Herald)

Taos, N. M., Sept. 12—At all the garden worthy of mention in and about Taos, that of William L. McClure stands preeminent first on the list. Many visitors have enjoyed the beautiful flowers, many of which are established, great house could point to with pride. The generosity with which the owner hands out bouquets rivaled only in proportion by the size of the enormous vegetables which grew simply to delight the dinner table. The orchard, too, is worthy of mention. The Concord grape vine has raised up to help itself to the very best of the apples. Supposing it could almost seem that the immortal wealth of water were placed there to assist the efforts of man in

GALLUP ENJOYING PERIOD OF MUCH PROSPERITY

Never Since Foundation of Town Has Carson City Experienced Better Business Conditions and Prospects.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald)

Gallup, N. M., Sept. 12.—A person coming to Gallup has only to pass down any one of our streets and he will get convincing evidence that Gallup is an unusually prosperous little city. Gallup is now experiencing a period of great prosperity. Never before since the beginning of its existence has business been better or has the general condition been more favorable. Everywhere in the city are indications of great activity. New houses are going up in all parts of the city. Parts of the down town district are continually undergoing improvements. Concrete works have been laid on all streets of the business districts and a majority of the private residence already have them. The rock walls that have come into fashion recently have added materially to the beauty and also to the value of private property. New business houses are under way of construction, and new enterprises are opening up every day. Within the past ten days three new houses of business have been opened to the accommodation of the public. Existing property is the safest investment in the new state.

Public School Enrollment Large.

School opened, September 4, with an enrollment of 319 pupils. The enrollment last year was 252, judging from these figures and from the last school census, our public school is fast outgrowing its quarters. The teachers used no more proof that this is the case.

The first grade started with an enrollment of 162. There were some forty desks in the room, so that even after dividing the grade in two sections, there was not enough room, so this is one of the reasons why Juvenile and Mary, about two right, came marching home.

The board is at work now with plans to take them back again and see that every child is provided for. We hope to have these plans carried out very soon.

Miss Brent is in charge of the first grade, Miss Brown, second; Miss Harvey, third; Miss Winters, fourth; Miss Brent, fifth; Miss Quick, sixth; Miss Coleman, seventh; Miss Sitter, high school principal.

The school is starting off in a good spirit and we hope within a few days to have the crowded rooms relieved

Nothing Doing But Talk.

The following is told of a Federal officer: formerly a senator of the state of Kentucky.

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CARLSBAD PEACH CROP IS WONDER OF RICH PECOS VALLEY

Kinds Are Rotated So That Different Varieties Follow Each Other Onto the Market at Regular Intervals.

Carlsbad, N. M., Sept. 12.—There is in all of arid America no more striking illustration of the remarkable change effected by irrigation than in the Pecos valley peach industry, which has its center in Carlsbad, and where the season is now closing with the unusual yield in the history of the business. The unusually mild winter was favorable to the development of the fruit buds and blossoming has been necessary in most of the great orchards in order to secure the proper crop, especially in the later varieties which go into the eastern markets in competition with the west.

For ten years ago the country around Carlsbad was an unspeakable desert, given up to mesquites and the other growths that are peculiar to the rainless land. Since the completion of the great reservoirs of the Pecos Irrigation company, thousands of acres have been planted in peaches and for a number of years the peach crop has been among the most important features of the year in the lower valley.

The crops are planted earliest not apart, and cultivated and irrigated according to the usual plan where artificial means of applying moisture are used.

The trees come into bearing about the fourth year after planting, experiments somewhat show the location of the orchard and the care of the trees. For a year or two the crop is limited by thinning so as to give the trees a chance to fully develop, and the bearing life of the trees continues for about ten years after that, also depending upon the governing circumstances.

Prompting by the experiments of the California orchardists, the growers around Carlsbad have and are aiming at rotation of varieties so as to make the season as long as possible. About June 1 the Sweet is ready for market, followed in order as follows: The Alexander, Triumph, Hynes' Surprise, Mamie Ross, Superb, Champion, Crosby, Elberta, Swaney and Late Crawford, the latter three varieties coming in the latter part of August and being the finest and best that the field puts out.

The bulk of the earlier varieties go to Colorado and other northern mountain points, while the later varieties are also sent to the east, owing to the long distance from market, the growers make use of the express car service, currently, no train teams are used, a set run out of the field, out the Wells Fargo company has made such liberal rates that the fact does not seriously militate against the points of the business.

All of the peaches are carefully sorted and packed, wrapped in squares of paper and packed in boxes averaging from 18 to 20 pounds, and thus shipped all of the work being done with the most extreme care, to avoid bruising, which explains the excellent condition in which the fruit reaches the market. The early varieties are now bringing \$1.25 per box in Colorado markets, and the later kinds are expected to do even better, the splendid size and matchless flavor generally overbalancing competition from outside centers of supply.

Attracted by the large profits made by the peach men, many peach men from other parts of the country have located in the vicinity of Carlsbad in the past two years and each year thousands of additional trees come into bearing. As illustration of the growth of the business, last year, which was not an especially good season, one small orchard, returned a net profit of \$1,227.50 on a fraction less than four acres and the larger orchards, whose exact output is difficult to ascertain, have doubtless not far from the same ratio, as the soil is the same, the water supply more than sufficient, and the general conditions the same.

So far the growers handle their own product, though this year buyers have been in the field after the same manner as in the Roswell apple field, where the whole crop is bought on the tree, the greater seldom touching the ground. The growers, so far, are diligent in selling to those buyers, and it is largely dependent upon the results of the 1912 business whether they will be able to do anything here another season.

Attracted by the large waste each year of fruit that will not stand shipping, Denver parties are now engaged on the installation of a large evaporating and canning plant at Carlsbad.

All of this great field is directly tributary to Denver and the Colorado markets, and the bulk of the shipments will be in that direction during the coming season.

Considering the certainty of profit on peach growing the price of land in the lower valley has not advanced unreasonably, and each year there are many settlers taking advantage of the openings offered.

The supply of the irrigation company is drawn from the Pecos river, and is conducted to the farms through one of the largest and most extensive systems of canals and aqueducts in the arid west.

One of the aqueducts, which is of stone and concrete, is the second tallest of its kind in the world. The height of the structure is 112 feet and it is supported by four pairs of arches 100x24 feet in the clear. The highest measurement of the structure is 208 feet, and it carries a total of 1,500 cubic feet per second when running at full capacity.

This aqueduct forms in itself one of the most interesting features of the irrigated section of the Pecos valley or the entire west.

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